

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27 are independent claims. Claims 1-27 are amended. No claims are canceled and claims 28-55 are newly added. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-23 to recite a “computer readable medium” as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the present rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 - Ando

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,054,545 (“Ando”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner contends that Ando discloses all of the limitations in originally filed claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27. Even assuming for the sake of argument that the Examiner is correct, Ando does not disclose or suggest any of the newly added limitations to claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27. In particular, Ando does not disclose or suggest “a clip information area storing at least one clip information file, each clip information file being associated with at least one stream file stored in a data area, the clip information file providing a map for the associated stream file, each map mapping presentation time information to address information for the associated stream file,” as recited in claim 1. Claims 10, 13, 21, and 24-27 have been amended to recite similar features.

Thus, independent claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27 are allowable over Ando, and the remaining dependent claims are likewise allowable over Ando for at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection of claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120 extension fee herewith.

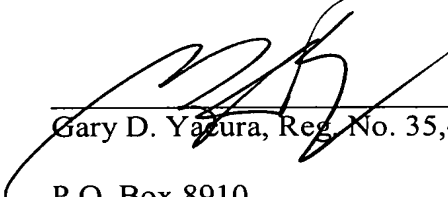
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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